

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 573
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Lizzie Patterson Haley on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Lizzie Patterson Haley is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as an elementary school teacher in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2005, Mrs. Haley took a much deserved retirement after forty-one years of dedicated service to the children of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during her estimable career, Lizzie Haley taught at Florida Elementary School, Evans Elementary School, and Raineshaven Elementary School before transferring to Walker Elementary School where she taught from 1972 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to her tireless teaching efforts, Lizzie Taylor was named one of the Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America in 1973 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haley is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to education, Mrs. Haley has been a valuable member of the Memphis Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, the West Tennessee Reading Association, the Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and the Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, active in civic and community organizations, Lizzie Haley is a Life Member and Past President of the Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and

a Life Member of the local and national LeMoyne-Owen College Alumni Association; she has also served as Chair of the Scholarship Committee for LeMoyne-Owen College; and

WHEREAS, committed to social justice, Mrs. Patterson is a Life Member of the NAACP and a member of the National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful member of the Second Congregational United Church of Christ, Mrs. Haley has rendered astute service as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Deacons, a Choir member, Director of Vacation Bible School, and as a member of the Cooperative Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lizzie Taylor is especially thankful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, James Calvin Haley, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Lizzie Haley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Lizzie Patterson Haley our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors as we tribute to her exemplary career as a teacher and thank her for the positive influence she has exerted on so many young lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.